IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Kanno et al.

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Application No.: 09/868,338

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Mail Stop AF Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicant respectfully petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to extend the period for response to the Office Action dated October 6, 2004, which set a three-month shortened statutory period for reply, 2 month(s) to March 7, 2005.

The period for response has previously been extended to

Please charge the fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) of \$450.00 for this Petition to our deposit account 50-3077.

Respectfully submitted,

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